

Rule 6 - The Player

6-3a Time of Starting

The player must start at the time established by the committee.

Penalty for breach of rule 6–3a

If the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of her starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

Scenario: at a Stroke Play event, the tee sheet lists the following group:

9:00. Betty
Veronica
Mary
Kathy

9:00:00 - only Betty and Mary are at 1st tee apparently ready to play.
- the starter announces Betty and she tees off.

9:00:45 - Kathy arrives at the 1st tee

9:01:27 - starter announces Mary. Mary discovers that she has a tee and her driver, but no ball. She goes to her bag, gets a ball and proceeds to, tee off.

9:03:17 - starter announces Kathy and she tees off.

9:05:03. - Veronica arrives at the 1st tee.

Using the rule above, see if you can determine penalties, if any, each player would receive on this hole.

Answers:

Betty - no penalties. She was on time and ready to play.

Veronica - Disqualified. She arrived after the 5 minute time period.

Mary - 2 stroke penalty. Though she was at the starting point on time, she was not ready to play (didn't have a ball).

Kathy - 2 stroke penalty. She arrived late to the starting point, but within 5 minutes.